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From: Fonseca, Erendira
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To: Sunset Advisory Commission
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Good morning,

My name is Erendira Fonseca, and I am a physical therapist serving the residents of the Greater Houston Area, and I appeal to you to oppose the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR.

While I understand that the consolidation may seem reasonable to someone outside of the field of physical therapy, it is highly unlikely that a group of individuals with little to no knowledge of the field will adequately ensure that therapists in Texas will be held to the highest ethical and clinical standards. Only a clinician in my field of physical therapy should make decisions regarding what quality physical therapy looks like in this state. By taking these decisions away from clinicians and giving it to an arbitrary board of individuals, you would be choosing to lower the standard of practice in physical therapy across Texas.

The TBPTE has efficiently and cost-effectively provided us with entry-level testing for licensure that requires our therapists to meet a minimal competency level as well as monitoring our continuing education to ensure that our physical therapist are learning skills that will benefit the patients in their area of practice. By consolidating the TBPTE into the TDLR, I wholeheartedly believe that you will be jeopardizing the level of care that patients throughout the state may receive because it is inconceivable that someone outside the field could sufficiently meet the aforementioned duties of the current TBPTE.

I pride myself on being a well-educated and patient centered clinician. I have both my doctorate in physical therapy as well as board certification in neurologic physical therapy and utilize my knowledge in outpatient and inpatient clinical settings, something that my licensing board has deemed I am safe and capable of doing.

I humbly implore you: do not jeopardize the health of physical therapy clients throughout the state of Texas by changing a system works efficiently and successfully. I ask that you thoughtfully consider the importance of maintaining our TBPTE as an independent entity and oppose the consolidation to the TDLR. It is so important to Texas residents that the quality of

physical therapy care available in Texas be maintained at the highest level.

Respectfully,

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